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Pegler's Column Dropped By Another Newspaper

WASHINGTON—Another newspaper — the Stamford (Conn.) *Advocate,* with a circulation of nearly 40,000 — has kicked out the column of Westbrook Pegler, because it can no longer stomach his misrepresentations.

What brought matters to a head was a column in which Pegler grossly distorted a recent demonstration by all of Stamford Labor in support of a bitter strike at the Yale & Towne Manufacturing Company in Stamford.

All unions in the town knocked off work for three hours to show their solidarity with the machinists, who are resisting an attempt by the management of Yale & Towne to restore the "open shop."

Misquoted Actual Happenings

The demonstration was entirely peaceful, but Pegler pictured it as a rally of "riotous forces" and "potential killers" in support of "assault and anarchy." The editor ran that column, but it was the last. In an editorial, he explained why he decided to "kill" Pegler's rantings for good.

He pointed out that Pegler "from the vantage point of his home in Arizona or his New York hotel apartment," without even coming near Stamford, had written an entirely false picture of the demonstration, and that in doing so he had violated the basic standards of fair reporting.

As a result, the accuracy of all other Pegler columns had become suspect, the editor said.

Endangers Free Press

As a further reason for ousting Pegler, the editor wound up by quoting one of the Nation's best-known editors—Erwin Dean Canham of the *Christian Science Monitor*—on the dangers to a free press arising from indiscriminate use of unscrupulous columnists.

"One aspect of newspaper irresponsibility is the latitude granted to some syndicated columnists," Canham declared.

"To their doors is beaten a path by those motivated by malicious gossip, revenge and character assassination. And no man is safe from these weapons. * * * Will not this continual nursing of demogogic power in the hands of a few keyhole columnists react against newspapers in the long run?"

Negotiation Demand Ignored

LONG BEACH—"The Lang Bus Company is trying to talk out of both sides of its mouth at the same time," J. M. Litteral, business agent of Division 1254 of the Amalgamated Association of Street Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees, A.F.L., charged following announcement of a special union meeting to be held at 3 a. m. on Monday, February 25, to consider possible action by the Lang bus drivers and mechanics over refusal of the company to negotiate a new contract. The special meeting was voted by the union, after company officials ignored its requests for a negotiation meeting, on the supposed ground that it was "premature." The union insists that the old contract, signed in June, 1944, to run until six months after the cessation of hostilities, must be replaced by a new agreement and that the company has recognized the end of the war by halting wartime practices with respect to scheduling of work and vacations.

City Employees' Council to Meet

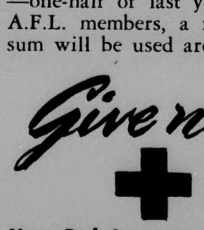
Monday evening, February 25, will be meeting night of the newly formed A.F.L. City Employees' Council. The organization is a departmental council formed some time ago by the San Francisco Labor Council and the Building and Construction Trades Council to co-ordinate efforts of the A.F.L. unions having members in the employ of the city. All business representatives to such unions are welcome to attend. The meeting will be held in the Labor Temple, Mechanics' Hall, third floor.

Candidate for Lieut. Governor

As indicated in the *Labor Clarion* some time back, State Senator John F. Shelley formally announced on February 18 his candidacy for Lieutenant Governor. Shelley has been a member of the State Senate for eight years and is president of the San Francisco Labor Council. The announcement came at a luncheon meeting of Democratic members of the legislature in Sacramento.

Facts About National Red Cross Campaign

The 1946 Red Cross campaign goal is $100,000,000 —one-half of last year's total. For the information of A.F.L. members, a few of the services for which this sum will be used are listed:



Men and Women in Armed Forces — Canteens, clubmobiles, recreation facilities for occupation troops.

Returned Veterans—Financial assistance, guidance, pension claims, legal aid.

Hospital Services—Emergency aid, civilian blood donor plan, accident prevention program, community health projects.

Disaster Relief—Since Pearl Harbor, American Red Cross has given food, clothing, shelter and medical care to 500,000 victims of disaster in the United States.

Foreign Relief—Continuation of clothing and medical supplies to foreign peoples in need of help; materials valued at $33,500,000 distributed this winter.

Just Judgment

By HON. TOM C. CLARK
Attorney General of the United States

The enforcement of the Wage and Hour law as to criminal procedure was originally in the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice and it was there, as a lawyer in the ranks, I prepared and tried cases in the experimental days of this statute. Now, as Attorney General, I am still concerned with the statutes relative to the rights of the workers, which is but a part of the regular work of the department.

Never before has the importance of the administration of justice been as vital as it is today. If democracy as we know it has anything to offer to the world, it is not merely the right to elect officials. Its strength is in the fair administration of our law. Fundamentally this means the opportunity for every man, no matter how humble or exalted the individual, no matter how small or large the amount involved, no matter how inarticulate or skilled the pleader, to be heard and to be heard patiently, courteously; to be heard without prejudice or bias and with full opportunity to present the grievance or the right, and to have a decision after full hearing by a Judge who will not be influenced by fear, prejudice or dictation from without.

Freedom, without law to back it, is anarchy. Just as men must have freedom to think and speak in order to progress and indeed survive, so must they have self-made law regulating that freedom.

A democratic free government is one of laws, not of dictates. Accordingly, the right to dissent is the most important freedom guaranteed by the Bill of Rights, for upon it hang all our other freedoms. In order to preserve that right for ourselves we must accord the same privileges to others. However, while it is our right to dislike some laws, it is also our responsibility to obey the laws we, the people, have made.

Because our laws are no stronger or weaker than the persons who enforce them and are covered by them, it is up to each of us to help preserve the American way of life, by obeying these laws, whether or not we like them.

I have great faith in the tolerance and wisdom of the people. Having been trained to freedom, I know they have the strength to use that freedom wisely. There is a balancing of power in freedom because it is applicable to all without regard as to class, color, creed or economic status. Without equal rights for all there would be no freedom for any—no liberty, just license to oppress for the benefit of a favored few. We must administer justice to others as we would have it administered to ourselves, so that it may be said of us that we "judge the people with just judgment."

Trenton Meat Workers Gain

TRENTON.—Local 56, Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers Workers in an agreement with five firms in this area gained the 35-hour week with no decrease in take-home pay, a $70 minimum weekly guarantee for skilled workers and up to 26 weeks of sick leave.

Congressional Views on Case Anti-Labor Measure

WASHINGTON—The Senate Labor Committee, which has buried many House-approved anti-labor bills in the past, is now digging a grave for the Case Bill, the worst in history.

Leading Senators from both major political parties vied with each other in lambasting the obnoxious Case Bill.

Senator Wayne B. Morse called it "an ill-advised hodge-podge of legal prohibitions which will cause more economic disruption than economic stability."

Senator Warren G. Magnuson, expressing strong opposition to the bill, said the Senate Labor Committee would have to study it "a long time."

Even Senator Joseph Ball, proponent of anti-labor legislation on his own account, scoffed at the Case Bill and declared he wasn't sure there were enough votes to bring any Labor-regulatory legislation out of the committee at this time.

Senator Robert A. Taft said: "The Case Bill says you can enjoin a strike or union. That would amount to putting everybody in jail and allowing every individual judge to make the law."

Senator J. William Fulbright added: "All of us have received letters urging us to do something to stop strikes, when it is perfectly obvious to most of us that Congress can do nothing to stop strikes."

"In the field of human relations," Senator Lister Hill said, "we must have mutual confidence, understanding and good-will. The minute anyone comes in with a big stick, even though it be the Government of the United States, with the threat of knocking some one on the head, immediately the result is to destroy understanding, confidence and good-will. It then becomes a struggle from which there arise malice, greed, bitterness, resentment and all the things that undermine the spirit that must be present in good Labor relations."

Both Senators Hill and Fulbright agreed that "compulsion will not work but will simply increase the trouble." They also emphasized that not one leader of industry or Labor appearing before the Senate Labor Committee had recommended that Congress should adopt legislation to end strikes and industry-Labor disputes.

However, similar views were expressed by progressive leaders in the House during the debate on the Case bill, but they were snowed under in the 197-115 vote by which the bill was passed.

The measure requires a 30-day cooling-off period before strikes, gives courts authority to issue injunctions against unions, makes unions liable for damage suits, bans violent picketing, and outlaws most jurisdictional strikes and boycotts.

New Cannery Election Called

Another collective bargaining election has been ordered by the N.L.R.B. with the date still undecided, according to the office of A.F.L. California State Council of Cannery Unions. The board has ruled that no union will be empowered to act as exclusive agent for the workers, but the A.F.L. group contends that inasmuch as they were the representatives for years their right to act for the workers should be continued until a proper election decides the issue. The recent election showed that approximately 12,000 votes were cast out of a possible 50,000. Among the objections listed by the union was the fact that a member of the industry was permitted to vote if he or she had worked in the industry 25 days, perhaps for three different employers. The 25 days were supposed to have been computed up to October 5, but were allowed to be computed beyond that date. The A.F.L. union filed 27 objections to the board's ruling. The new ruling will permit the entire personnel of cannery workers to vote. The old ruling ruled out certain seasonal workers.

State Carpenters' Convention

The 18th annual convention of the California State Council of Carpenters, representing many thousands of workers in the various wood-working crafts, will be held in Fresno Saturday, March 2, and Sunday, March 3, Joseph F. Cambiano, veteran State president, announced.

"It really should be the 19th annual meeting, because no gathering has been held since the one in Merced in 1944, out of consideration for the wartime transportation situation," added State Secretary David H. Ryan of San Francisco.

Union Health Committee Dissolved February 15

The Northern California Union Health Committee is dissolved by action of the Board of Directors. The office closed on February 15, 1946.

Adequate financing has not been provided for continuance of the committee's activities. It appears to be more foolish than courageous at this time to further attempt a joint Labor program. However, although unions are greatly preoccupied with wage matters and the struggle against anti-Labor legislation, they are interested in carrying on health activities and are making plans for that end within their own organizations.

The board commended the work of the committee, which resulted from activities sponsored by the California Labor School. The board particularly commends the invaluable contribution of Marianna Packard, executive secretary of the committee.

Members of the organization appreciate the interest shown and the help given in this experimental program, and the board by motion requested that the gratitude of the committee be conveyed to all its loyal supporters.

Whatever funds remain after closing the office will be sent to the Tuberculosis Association.

C.I.O. Raid Defeated

OKMULGEE, Okla.—The Glass Bottle Blowers' Association, A.F.L., won a 3-to-1 election victory over the C.I.O., among the employees of the Ball Brothers plant here. The C.I.O. union which attempted to raid the A.F.L. organization for collective bargaining rights was repulsed by a vote of 141 to 51.

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Purchasing Facts

In view of the acute butter shortage more consumers are seeking to purchase margarine, but the supply is far below the demand. Production in 1945 was about 600,000,000 pounds, second only to the record output of 614,000,000 pounds in 1943. Since the industry cannot obtain larger supplies of fats and oils, margarine will continue to be none too plentiful in grocery stores. Production last year consisted of about 509,000,000 pounds of uncolored margarine for home use (the manufacture of colored margarine is restricted by heavy and discriminatory Federal and State taxation); some 77,000,000 pounds of colored margarine were purchased by the government, and about 13,000,000 pounds were produced for the domestic market.

New gas and electric cooking stoves, which now are beginning to reach retail stores, have been placed under dollar-and-cent ceilings at 1942 levels by the Office of Price Administration.

Both types of stoves will be available in two sizes—the standard range and the apartment size cooker.

The O.P.A. dollar-and-cent prices vary widely, just as stove prices did before the war. However, a typical price for a standard electric range is $189, and for an apartment size electric stove, $157. A typical price for a gas stove is $75 for a small size and $95 for the standard range.

Manufacturers are required to pre-ticket each stove with its O.P.A. retail ceiling price. Since each price includes the installation service charge and the federal tax, it represents the total cost of the stove to the customer.

With each electric stove, a one-year guarantee of satisfactory performance must be given. Such guarantees also were given with each electric stove sold before the war, O.P.A. said. About 80 per cent of all gas and electric stoves expected on the market this year have been given prices, O.P.A. said. As soon as the remaining companies make their applications, they will be given dollar-and-cent ceilings.

Union Balks Pay Cut Move

LOS ANGELES—The Quality Furniture Manufacturing Co. has learned union members can't be pushed around on their wages cut. Business Representative Charles L. Yost, of Local 15, Upholsterers' International Union, reports the company attempted to reduce wages in the sewing department. After three hours of zero output, the company agreed to leave the wages undisturbed.

State Civil Service Exams

March 14—Institution Stationary engineer, $220 month; assistant safety engineer, $225 month, and oil gauger, $190 month.

March 16—Institution machinist, $220 month; assistant estimator of building construction, $270 month; intermediate file clerk, $150 month, and intermediate clerk, $150 month.

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Statement by A.F.L. Street Carmen's Business Agent

Mr. S. W. Douglas, business representative of Carmen's Union, No. 1380, released the following statement concerning wage rate hearing before the Civil Service Commission recently:

"We are naturally gratified that the facts and arguments our union has presented to the Civil Service Commission have been successful in impressing the commission with the necessity for substantial wage increases for street carmen and bus operators employed on the Municipal Railway. The actual recommendations of the Civil Service Commission, however, are still far from being adequate to establish a fair wage for these employees. San Francisco has, during the war years, lagged far behind other cities in regard to wage levels for transit employees. For example, substantial increases are necessary for transit employees in San Francisco in order merely to restore the pre-war relationship that existed between our members and comparable employees in the City of Los Angeles. This is true at the present time without regard to the fact that further increases apparently will soon be granted to Los Angeles transit employees.

"It is well known that all wage earners in this area have suffered from the drastically changed economic conditions that occurred in San Francisco during and since the war. City governments in other parts of the country have given due recognition to these economic conditions by granting transit employees wage rates as high as 28½ cents per hour above the prevailing wage rates in San Francisco for the same work. We believe that San Francisco being at or near the top of the list of all cities in the cost of living should provide wage levels for its transit employees at least equal to rates found to be fair by other city governments such as in Seattle, Washington, as but one example.

"In view of these and other important considerations, it is clear that the recommendations of the Civil Service Commission must be improved upon before being acceptable to our organization. Accordingly, we intend to take all steps necessary to convince the Board of Supervisors that before it takes final action it should give full and serious consideration to our position that street carmen and bus operators on the Municipal Railway are entitled to substantial increases over and above those recommended by the Civil Service Commission."

For Prospective Builders

Many prospective builders are causing themselves unnecessary delay by addressing inquiries relating to priorities for building materials to the Office of Price Administration instead of to the Federal Housing Administration, the Northern California District O.P.A. Office announced. All inquiries of this type should be made at the nearest F.H.A. office, or by mail to the Priorities Section of the main F.H.A. office at 315 Montgomery street, San Francisco, O.P.A. officials said. "The O.P.A. has no jurisdiction over these matters and cannot assist these people," it was stated. "We can only refer their questions to the F.H.A., which is the only authority designated to handle the priorities program."

St. Patrick's Entertainment

South of Market Girls Club, Inc., have arranged their annual St. Patrick's entertainment and ball to be given Thursday evening, March 7, at Druids Hall, 44 Page street. Mrs. May O'Keefe has planned an entertainment program of "Memories." Modern and old fashion dances will feature the evening's enjoyment. Mrs. Anne Conboy, president of the club, urges all to attend. Chairman for the evening will be Mrs. Mary J. Conroy.

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Statement—California Public Schools' Week

President Anthony L. Noriega of the California State Federation of Labor, released the following statement concerning this year's observance of public schools, particularly as education is related to the returning veterans:

"This year's observance of the 27th Annual California Public Schools Week, April 8-13, is of special significance in view of the new conditions created by the ending of the war. Hundreds of thousands of veterans are returning to the various schools, many to resume training which was interrupted by the war; others for the first time to learn a vocation.

"It is true that the age level of our schools will be older because of the war and will place a great strain on the various educational facilities of our school system. This will require the fullest co-operation of everyone concerned and interested in solving this problem so that not one single veteran desirous of improving his education is denied such a privilege. The Labor Movement is particularly interested in these veterans and their continued education and training.

"To convey to the people of California a full appreciation of the great job that is being done by our public schools this observanace, as those in the past, is aimed to bring closer those in charge of our public schools and its functions to the citizens of the State. It is important, therefore, that everyone concerned with this vital problem should make it his or her business to visit the schools in his district and learn from direct contact the tremendously important and excellent job which they are performing."

Yugoslav Relief

During February and March a special appeal is being made nationally for baby food and vitamins to send to Yugoslavia. Depots are being set up throughout this area, and their locations can be obtained from the local American Committee office. Especially needed are condensed and powdered milk, enriched cereals such as pablum and pabena, dried fruit, and canned baby food fruits, vegetables and puddings. Cod liver oil, ascorbic acid (vitamin C), and all other vitamins are also urgently needed for the children.

A Northern California Chapter of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief was formed in October, 1945. Miss Lucy Hancock is the executive secretary, and her assistant is Mrs. Faiga Duncan. Offices are located at 135 Stockton street, Room 701, telephone DOuglas 0800.

President William Green has given the endorsement of the A.F.L. to the committee's activities and urges all members to assist to the best of their ability.

Changes in Metal Trades Posts

WASHINGTON—Two changes in the official family of the A.F.L. Metal Trades Department were announced by President John P. Frey, after the department's executive council had given the necessary authority. James A. Brownlow, veteran Colorado Labor leader, who had been serving as assistant president since last August, was shifted to the post of secretary-treasurer. He succeeds James J. McEntee, who resigned to return to the staff of the Machinists' Union.

Meanwhile, the post of assistant president of the department went to Edward B. Rowan, international representative of the Boilermakers, who had previously served for a year and a half as a Labor member of the W.L.B.'s Shipbuilding Commission.

Advertising Manager

Announcement was made by *Organized Labor*, building trades' weekly paper, that Gerald L. Pickle had been appointed sole advertising solicitor and manager. Mr. Pickle will still retain his editorship of the paper.

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Union Label Column

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electrical apparatus, electrical fixtures, switch boxes, electric wires and cables, radios and house wiring. Insist upon this label when having electrical work done and guarantee yourself fine workmanship and the best in electrical products. If you are in doubt about anything concerning union products or workmen, we feel sure that a call at local offices of the electrical workers' union will solve your problems. The offices are located at 227 Valencia and the telephone number is UNderhill 9656.

WASHINGTON.—The Office Employes' International Union, which was recently chartered by the American Federation of Labor, has also become affiliated with the Union Label Trades Department. Paul R. Hutchings, president, and J. Howard Hicks, secretary-treasurer, of one of the youngest unions in the A.F.L., report that the organization is making steady progress. They urge that all members of the O.E.I.U. insist that the union label appears on all letters and other material prepared by union office workers. They also urge that the Office Employes' emblem be worn by members of the union. L. M. Ornburn, secretary-treasurer, Union Label Trades Department, was pleased to announce that the O.E.I.U. has joined the official union label family. The Office Employes' label and emblem add three more to the 69 union labels, shop cards, and service buttons of the member national and international unions affiliated with the department. The office employes' emblems include a dress pin and a lapel button. It is contemplated that eventually the O.E.I.U. will also have a shop card.

Labor Council Recessed

The San Francisco Labor Council did not hold its regular weekly meeting on February 22 due to the Washington Birthday holiday.

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Regional Wage Board's First Month Operation

In the first month of operation since it replaced the War Labor Board, the Tenth Regional Wage Stabilization Board has ruled favorably on 36 applications requesting approval of wage increases to be used for pricing purposes or increasing cost to the government, Chairman Thomas Fair Neblett reported.

Approval to use the full increase for pricing or cost purposes was granted in 33 cases and approval to use part of the increase for these purposes was granted in three cases. To date, no application on wage increases has resulted in complete denial, Neblett said.

Action of the board has been unanimous in 27 of the favorable rulings, with dissents recorded by either Labor or industry in only nine instances.

In approving the 36 applications, the board found 20 of the requested increases to be in line with prevailing rates; approved seven on the basis of the new wage-price "cost of living" formula; and approved six on the basis of correcting intra-plant inequities. The remaining three requests were approved on the basis of these and other criteria.

In 12 of the cases approval was requested on the basis of increased cost to the government and in 19 cases approval was requested for pricing purposes," Neblett said.

Neblett pointed out that the effect of the board's rulings in wage increase cases relates only to the extent to which the increase may be used in determining price or rent ceilings, or in increasing costs to the government. Modification or denial does not mean that the increases are unlawful. They may be put into effect either prior to or following board action, regardless of whether or not the request approval for pricing or cost purposes is granted.

California's city women marry at a later age than rural women, a statistical survey reveals.

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State Disability Bill

Announcement that technical errors were discovered in the Disability Bill was an erroneous report, according to Labor advices from Sacramento on Wednesday of this week. The bill, sponsored by the California State Federation of Labor, has the endorsement of Governor Warren and affixing of his signature has been regarded as a certainty. State Senator John F. Shelley introduced the bill as S.B. 40, which proved to be one of the most bitterly contested pieces of legislation introduced in Sacramento for many years. The working people of this State owe to Senator Shelley and those who assisted him in securing passage of this important piece of legislation through the law-making mill a sincere vote of thanks. Senator Shelley worked hard and long in preparing and following through his bill which, when enacted as a law, will ease the threat of sickness and disability of those who work.

Union Health Committee

Elsewhere in the *Labor Clarion* is an announcement that the Northern California Union Health Committee was dissolved on February 15, 1946. It is unfortunate that such dissolution was allowed to take place. The committee has done yeoman work in the field of health programs among workers and the best recommendation of the work accomplished is demonstrated by the knowledge gained, either by the unions as a whole or individuals. The health examinations sponsored by the group to combat the ravages of tuberculosis and syphilis was a most worthy endeavor and there are persons who can testify to that statement. It is to be hoped that after the present unsettled economic conditions are successfully adjusted the committee can resume its valuable work.

Harold L. Ickes

The resignation of Secretary of the Interior Ickes, while coming sooner than anticipated, was no surprise. It had been known for some time that all was not well between the President and the secretary. Mr. Ickes was perhaps the most discussed and cussed man of the New Deal and later of Mr. Truman's official family. Organized Labor has on occasion differed widely with his strong pronouncements at various times. The American people love a fighter and it can be truly said of Mr. Ickes that he pulled no punches when he thought he was right. His integrity was never questioned. It is assumed that when the history of the United States during the past 15 years is written, the name of Harold L. Ickes will be prominent in such a tome.

What Next?

A coal-burning gas turbine that may reduce railroad locomotive fuel costs to one-third or one-fourth of present levels has reached "an advanced stage of successful experimental development," J. I. Yellot, director of research of the Locomotive Development Committee, reported at a meeting of mechanical engineers in New York. He disclosed that pulverization of coal for use in the new turbine has been achieved by "the coal atomizer," a new compressed-air device that breaks up coal to the consistency of talcum powder.

Pictureless Cartoon

The young husband wrote home from his new job, saying:

"Made foreman—feather in my cap." A few weeks later he wrote again, saying:

"Side manager—another feather in my cap." After some weeks he wrote again, saying:

"Fired—send money for train fare."

His wife unfeelingly telegraphed back:

"Use feathers and fly home."

Controlling the Floods of Hatred

By RUTH TAYLOR

When the snows melt on the far-off mountain tops and the spring rains begin to fall, then those who dwell by the great rivers watch for flood waters. What may be life-giving streams to great parts of our land are devastating torrents to other sections. Flood control is a vital subject to those who dwell in the lowlands through which the rivers course.

The government engineers have made great strides in averting the damage of flood. They have built great walls to wall off the rivers; they have reforested great tracts of land to absorb the excess water; they have built great dams to hold back the torrents and to control their flow into other areas so they may make fertile great wastes.

All this is most essential—but even more necessary today is a system of hate control. As the war fades into the background, our unity of purpose no longer seems vitally essential. As a result there is growing in this land of ours increasing hatred and bitterness between groups. Shall we let this flood warp and destroy much of what we hold dear?

We need to build walls of understanding to hold the hatreds out. For mutual understanding leads to mutual trust and in trust there is no hate.

We need to reforest the scarred places in our minds—scars caused by hatred, bitterness, despair and intolerance—to reforest them with understanding, compassion, friendliness and love.

We need to dam back the floods of hate with bulwarks of education—education in positive democratic living, in putting into practice in our everyday life the things in which we believe.

We need to divert the stream of hate into useful channels, concentrating it on ideas and ideologies, not on peoples or races—hating only the evil act or quality. Our hatred must run between such concrete walls of our wills, that we will not be guilty of either injustice or intolerance to any member of any group merely because of his race or creed or color, no more than we would want him to be guilty of these toward us. Thus and only thus can we control the flood waters of hate.

Working It Out

By FRANCES PERKINS

Liege is the heart of the heavy industries of Belgium. Coal mines and steel, glass, crystal, machinery are the great products. The coal mines are very ancient here, the openings have been made in the Middle Ages, and the slag piles are like mountains. Mine workers are a dominant part of the population, but today since the war and occupation, there is a great reluctance on the part of the young men to go underground and a desire to enter other trades and occupations. Belgium's great need for coal for her industries and her domestic heating have prompted the use of German prisoners of war as a part of the working force in the mines. This is, of course, a temporary arrangement. But the work in the other industries is more tempting to the younger men of Liege.

The brilliant and dynamic Minister of Labor of Belgium, Leon Troclet, is a native and resident of Liege. He conducted a school for police officers in the university as well as being a professor of political science. The deep patriotism of the police officers of Belgium and their assistance to the resistance movement and Allied forces had much to do with Belgium liberation. They are regarded everywhere with respect.

The technical, scientific and engineering department buildings of the university were almost entirely destroyed either by the air bombing of the Allies driving out the Germans or by the V-2 bombing from the Germans during their last desperate offensive in the Battle of the Bulge in the winter of 1945. The city is one of the worst devastated in Europe today, but the people are courageously and very efficiently cleaning up and rebuilding and re-establishing its industrial life. This is particularly notable in the intelligent reopening of the great and world-famous crystal works of the Val St. Lambert, where, in order to conserve coal in the furnaces, the old style of blowing the glass and crystal has been combined with the modern use of moulds, and where new workers and apprentices are being trained carefully in the old techniques. The industry was totally closed by the Germans, and the revival is slow but very sure. The union is well organized and very effective in this industry and is co-operating with the employers in the reconstitution of this ancient trade. The experts believe they have overcome the hazards of industrial diseases commonly found in the glass industry. They have for many years eliminated the use of lead entirely in the preparation of their material, substituting harmless tin in its place. The use of cork wheels instead of carborundum in the polishing has reduced the silicosis hazard, and they state that there are no cases of silicosis at present.

The people of Liege are Walloons; in fact, the city is the heart of Walloonie. Between these people and the Flemish to the north there is a long traditional antipathy. This has been accentuated by the fact that the Germans cultivated and flattered the Flemish in an effort to make the division in Belgium very intense and so destroy its inner unity. The great majority of the Flemish were loyal to Belgium and resisted the occupying enemy at every point, but the rumor and ill will set in motion by the Germans are having their effect today in deep-seated prejudices by the Walloons against the Flemish and the Flemish against the Walloons. It is a threat to their national life and unity. They are held together by their economic rather than by their emotional necessities, but the wisest leaders of both groups deplore these prejudices and are doing everything possible to remove them before their venomous effects do more damage to the cultural, economic and political life. It is the same old story—prejudice destroys indiscriminately.

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Personal Sketches

JULIA MARGUERITE FINKENBINDER

To hold the position of business representative of a union calls for being "on the ball." It calls for diplomacy as well as everyday common sense. The problems confronting a business representative are many and complex. It could not have been her personal popularity that caused members of Waitresses' Union, No. 48, to select Julia Marguerite Finkenbinder as "business agent" of their union. It could not have been a coincidence that she has seen her union grow from 200 members to a union of 6,000. We can well imagine the part she played in the growth of the union for she is a person with boundless faith in the principles of unionism.

Coming to San Francisco from the State of Kentucky years ago, Marguerite identified herself with the Labor Movement when it was not so easy or so popular to be a member of a trades union. Her union was quick to realize her worth and time after time she was chosen for positions of responsibility within the gift of the members and never did she falter in her tasks. A number of times she was chosen president of the union and for two terms she was assistant secretary of the organization.

In organizing restaurants, it ofttimes became necessary to place picket lines. As a good leader, she worked the picket lines with members. Organizational work appealed to her and has stood her well in her present activity. In 1918 she was elected delegate to the San Francisco Labor Council and today she is a valued member of the Council's executive committee, starting her third term two weeks ago. From 1919 to 1943 she was a member of the Council's organizing committee, giving unselfishly of her time and talents to the work of that committee. As further evidence of the high esteem held for her, she was elected delegate to many international conventions by the membership of her union, serving on convention committees with distinction. Besides these accomplishments, she headed the Grocery Clerks' Union, No. 648, as president some years ago.

Two highlights of her career are indelibly registered on her memory. The first was when she was elected delegate to the California State Federation of Labor by members of the San Francisco Labor Council. It was the first time that a woman has so been honored, and the confidence of Council members was not misplaced, for she distinguished herself. The second outstanding event may appear amusing at this time, but we hazard a guess that at the time it happened it did not appear amusing. Marguerite told the story as follows: "The evening that the Labor Council was to meet, I suggested to my husband that he not attend that particular meeting. I gave no reason for the suggestion. During the meeting, I addressed the 'chair' to gain the floor (Lawrence Palacios was presiding that evening). Receiving recognition, I moved that a certain local be disassociated because of C.I.O. affiliation. The union was my husband's. Al Baum, San Francisco *Examiner* Labor reporter, gave the story a front page spread the next morning, commenting on the fact that a woman delegate had her husband's union 'tossed out of the Labor Council.' In our home we never let our union affiliations mix with the home life, but my husband must have been amused, for he took the disassociation with good humor."

We salute this grand lady with a wish for many more years of service to the Labor Movement and to her union and we congratulate Waitresses' Union, No. 48, in their choice when they selected Marguerite Finkenbinder business representative.

Wisdom

"Poverty is a soft pedal upon all branches of human activity, not excepting the spiritual."—*H. L. Mencken.*

New York Labor Asks For Sickness Insurance

ALBANY—A system of sickness insurance for workers in New York State, proposed by the State Federation of Labor, would be set up under a bill just introduced in the legislature. The benefits would range from $15 to $21 a week and would come from a fund established through employer and State contributions. The tax on employers would be one-half of 1 per cent of their payrolls, a contribution which would be matched by the State.

Under the bill a worker taken ill would have to wait one week before benefit payments would begin, but then would be entitled to payments for a period of 26 weeks for any one continuous illness or disability. Maternity benefits are provided for in another section. The amount of benefits paid would be determined by the individual worker's earnings. Administration of the law would be put in the Division of Placement and Unemployment Insurance, State Department of Labor.

How They Voted on Case Bill

Following is the way California members of the House of Representatives voted on the anti-Labor Case bill that passed the House on February 7:

Lea (R)	For	Voorhis (D)	Against
Engle (D)	Against	Healy (D)	Against
Johnson, Leroy (R)	Against	Douglas (D)	Against
Havenner (D)	Against	McDonough (R)	Against
Welch (R)	Did not vote	Patterson (D)	Against
Miller (D)	Against	King (D)	Did not vote
Tolan (D)	Against	Doyle (D)	Against
Anderson (R)	For	Holifield (D)	Against
Gearhart (R)	For	Hinshaw (R)	For
Elliott (D)	For	Sheppard (D)	Against
Outland (D)	Against	Phillips (R)	For
		Izac (D)	Against

Child Labor Law Decision

WASHINGTON.—Holding that the courts should not treat lightly their responsibilities under the child labor provisions of the Fair-Labor Standards Act, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth District in Mississippi, recently reversed a lower court decision in child labor cases brought by the Children's Bureau, U.S. Department of Labor, and ordered injunctions against the Hazelhurst Mercantile Co., and Kemp and Pitts, to prevent further violation by the defendants of the child-labor provisions of the act. The decision, made known by the Children's Bureau, was hailed as a "gratifying statement of public policy," and one that struck at attitudes that greatly interfere with the "equitable and full enforcement of the will of Congress as expressed in the federal child labor laws."

Priest Backs Labor's Demands

DECATUR—Decent wages for workers should be the first responsibility of business, the Rev. John F. Brockmeier told an A.F.L. union rally here. Father Brockmeier, who is editor of the *Western Catholic* and pastor of the Sacred Heart Church of Springfield, Ill., said that an employer who cannot pay living wages "should not be in business, but out looking for a job of his own." He said a "living wage" means enough to "pay the grocer, buy clothing, send his children to school, to buy and furnish a home properly, afford a radio, a car and a refrigerator, to pay the doctor and the dentist, and have something left over for a rainy day."

Hi Jinks to Be Held

The annual hi jinks of the Elevator Operators and Starters' Union, No. 117, will be held on Saturday night, March 2, at 109 Golden Gate avenue. Vaudeville acts have been arranged and dancing will be to the music of Hal Roberts' orchestra. The committee arranging the affair have as an additional feature the giving away of those hard-to-acquire nylon stockings.

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Deaths in Labor's Ranks

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MacMillan, Roan—In this city February 11; member of Hotel Service Workers' Union, No. 283.

Brand, Walter—In this city February 13; member of Professional Embalmers' Union, No. 9049.

Meade, John E.—In this city February 13; member of Machinists' Union, No. 68.

Klistoff, James T.—In this city February 13; member of Boilermakers' Union, No. 6.

Rogers, Edward—In this city February 13; member of Bottlers' Union, No. 293.

Craigie, Peter W.—In this city February 14; member of Teamsters' Union, No. 85.

Goldberg, Julius—In this city February 14; member of Milk Wagon Drivers' Union, No. 226.

Moll, Charles H.—In this city February 14; member of Upholsterers' Union, No. 28; Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, No. 1541.

Carassou, John Baptiste—In this city February 14; member of General Laborers' Union, No. 389, San Mateo.

Scott, Helen O. (Twedt)—In this city February 15; charter member of Department Store Employees' Union, No. 1100.

Taylor, William E.—In this city February 16; member of Automotive Warehouseman's Union, No. 241.

Kelley, Cyril J.—In this city February 16; member of Hotel Service Workers' Union, No. 283.

Muller, Rose—In this city February 16; member of Building Service Employees' Union, No. 87.

Chealvo, Joe—In this city February 17; member of Cooks and Waiters' Union, No. 228.

Hirschberg, Leopold—In this city February 18; member of San Francisco Typographical Union, No. 21.

Coughlan, Thomas A.—In this city February 19; member of Teamsters' Union, No. 85.

McLaughlin, John H.—In this city February 19; member of Water Workers' Union, No. 401, and David Scannell Club.

2,700,000 Low-Cost Homes

WASHINGTON—An all-out emergency program to build 2,700,000 new homes for veterans during the next two years was announced by Housing Expediter Wilson W. Wyatt. It forecasts the stopping of all deferrable and nonessential construction to release labor and materials for living units costing—for the most part—$6,000 and under. Congress is asked to authorize the immediate use of $600,000,000 in subsidies to spur production of building materials.

President Truman declared the program has the unqualified indorsement of the administration. He urged its acceptance by Congress and the public. A.F.L. President William Green and Chairman Harry C. Bates, of the A.F.L. Housing Committee, promptly pledged their full support to the emergency program.

O.P.A. Volunteers Praised

WASHINGTON—A.F.L. President William Green paid high tribute to thousands of A.F.L. officials who have given their time and services during the past four years as volunteer members of local O.P.A. rationing and price control boards to protect their communities from inflation. He said, in part:

"These volunteers during the wartime period tirelessly and unselfishly gave hundreds of thousands of hours of their time in order to help carry out this important domestic program of rationing and price control. They have done more than anyone else to safeguard the incomes of American wage-earners from the ravages of inflation. These volunteers recognized the Nation's need in time of war and zealously devoted themselves to this important home-front problem. These volunteers have earned and deserve the gratitude of the entire Nation."

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Low Pay Discouraging Vets From Taking Jobs

NEW YORK—Grave concern that the removal of ceiling prices and resulting inflation will bring untold hardship to thousands of families who are already living at a subsistence level was expressed recently at national headquarters of The Salvation Army by officials of the Family Service Bureau.

With this expression of apprehension was the prediction that unemployment among ex-servicemen, discharged from the services six or more months ago, will reach a "peak" by the last of February. At that time, facilities in all agencies now giving assistance to servicemen and their families are expected to be strained to the utmost.

Commissioner Donald McMillan, national secretary of The Salvation Army, said that the number of individuals and families applying to The Salvation Army's Family Service Bureau for counsel and for actual assistance has been rising steadily since last May, and that the number of applications of persons in distress was 65 per cent greater in January, 1946, than in January, 1945.

Retirement Chief Quits

WASHINGTON—President Truman accepted "with real regret" the resignation of Murray W. Latimer, who has served as chairman of the Railroad Retirement Board since it was established more than 10 years ago. He made a distinguished record. The President persuaded him to continue serving the government on a special assignment as research director for a guaranteed annual wage study being conducted by the Labor-Management Advisory Board to the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion.

War Objectors' Rights Extended

NEW YORK—Legal protection for conscientious objectors who refuse induction into the armed forces was "somewhat extended," according to the American Civil Liberties Union, by a 6 to 2 decision of the U. S. Supreme Court February 4 ordering new trials for two Jehovah's Witnesses, Louis D. Smith and William M. Estep. The court ruled that such objectors are entitled to a judicial review of their draft board classifications in criminal prosecutions for refusal to obey injunction orders. The decision reversed previous court decisions that objectors are not entitled to review of their classifications unless they first joined the army or went to prison and then sought release by habeas corpus.

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Run o' the Hook

By C. M. BAKER,
President of Typographical Union No. 21

Attendance at the February meeting, on Sunday last, was somewhat above the average. The fact that endorsements for international officers were to be voted undoubtedly was of interest to many present. Using the official ballots from the I.T.U., the actual voting required little time. The "tallying" did require considerable time, but despite a long "wait" on the canvassers, adjournment was before 4 o'clock. Candidates endorsed by No. 21 with party in parentheses follow: President, Allan Edwards (Independent); first vice-president, Reese Highfield (Independent); second vice-president, William Glass (Independent); secretary-treasurer, Henry Clemens (Independent). With few exceptions the other Independent candidates for minor offices were endorsed. John W. Austin and T. K. Garrison, both West Coast candidates on the Progressive ticket, were endorsed.

Admitted as journeyman members were G. E. Laskey, A. L. Norwood, L. I. Price and F. M. Watts. Messrs. R. F. Kibbee, G. W. Libbey, V. R. Marsicano, Sherwood Nelson and E. E. Cuneo were obligated as apprentice members.

By a vote of about five to one the union ordered that there be sent to all unions and larger chapels an announcement of the new scales of No. 21, setting forth that both were negotiated before the expiration date of previous contracts; that following the success of San Francisco union in securing what was up to that time the greatest money increases negotiated, Oakland, San Jose, Richmond, San Mateo, Palo Alto typographical unions, San Francisco Mailers' Union and other mechanical unions in Northern California were given identical increases and that the newspaper scale in San Francisco was made effective in December, prior to other increases and that shortly thereafter the Seattle strike was settled upon the basis of similar hourly increases.

Honorable withdrawal cards were granted to Messrs. Noel Rey, Falco Fiaccordi and S. J. Azzopardi, each of whom was leaving the trade.

The union, upon recommendation of its executive committee, voted to pay to the San Francisco Allied Printing Trades Council a monthly "affiliation fee" in addition to the regular per capita tax in order to enable that organization to "balance its budget."

David Braverman of the *Parker* chapel recently purchased a new home in the Parkside district upon which construction had just begun. This week "Dave" and family will move into the new home.

Word comes that the strike of pressmen on the Cleveland daily newspapers was terminated under an agreement to observe an arbitration obligation. The chairman of the three-man arbitration board will be George Rosenthal, head of a large eastern printing plant, which has been completeley union for many years. President George L. Berry of the International Printing Pressmen's Union will represent the local union on the board. The fact that the publishers agreed to the chairman, coupled with the fact that the head of the international union will participate, leads to the conclusion there is a "set-up" whereby the striking union will be "granted" an increase identical with that secured amicably by the printers, which incidentally was the demand upon which the strike was predicated. The first decision of the Cleveland pressmen's arbitration board was to deny the strikers' demand for payment for the time they were on strike.

Most of those in the printing and publishing industry are unaware of the fact that theirs is one of the really big and important industries of these United States. Admittedly, ours is not a "mass production" industry, but the following figures compiled by the Census of Manufacturers should be enlightening. They show that the printing and publishing is: Second in number of establishments with 24,878; sixth in employees with 552,505; first in salaried employees with 124,060; fifth in salaries and wages with $977,702,397; first in salaries alone with $231,842,004; seventh in wages alone with $493,615,659; ninth in value of products with $2,578,464,382; sixth in value added by manufacture with $1,766,456,764.

Prison Labor Authority Dies

NEW YORK.—Dr. Ernest Stagg Whitin, of this city, long identified with the fight against the sale of prison-made goods on the open market and known to Labor men all over the country, dropped dead February 11 of a heart attaack in the Lotus Club.

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"Ghost" Employment Bill Approved by Congress

WASHINGTON—Congress killed the Full Employment Bill and then approved a pale and anemic substitute which was dispatched, like a ghost, to the White House for Presidential approval.

The new measure is called the "Maximum Employment, Production and Purchasing Power Act," which makes it long on title even though it may fall short of performance.

The amended bill very carefully refrains from committing the government to any responsibility for guaranteeing jobs to American workers and it also eliminates the proposal for a federal job budget through which the President would estimate the number of jobs available in private industry each year and urge measures to take up employment slack.

Woman's Auxiliary No. 21 to S. F. Typographical Union No. 21

By LOUISE A. ABBOTT

The regular business meeting held last Tuesday evening was interesting and full of plans for future events. Ways and Means Chairman, J. Ann McLeod celebrated her birthday on Tuesday by handing in her bazaar report, with the net total, the largest in the history of the auxiliary. Ann is to be congratulated on her untiring efforts, and together with her committee, deserve the gratitude of the entire organization.

The get-together, after the meeting was enjoyed, as was the delicious chili, home cooked by Roby Wilchman, entertainment chairman, and the good home made jelly, furnished by Augusta Gooler. "Betsy" Haines was welcomed home again. We still insist, that when you miss meeting, you forfeit a good time.

Mrs. Sarah Berliner departed last Wednesday, February 20, for an extended visit to relatives in New York City. Her husband, Arthur, expects to join her within a couple of weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Peeler are now located in their new home, 888 - 40th avenue. We wish them much joy and happiness in their new surroundings.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bardsley departed last Thursday morning by motor for Long Beach. It has been a lonely household for President Myrtle and husband "Jack" since their daughter, Jean, and grandson, "Bobbie," moved to the southland to be with "Wally," husband and father. The week-end holiday provided the opportunity and we know this happy reunion will be enjoyed by all of them.

Mrs. Julia Donelin suffered a painful and serious accident recently, slipping on the hardwood floor in her home and breaking both wrists and one arm. She was removed to the home of her daughter, Josephine. How about a card shower for her? care of Mrs. William Welding, 297 Poplar avenue, Millbrae, Calif., to wish her a speedy recovery.

Union Printers Golf Association

By PAUL E. GALLAGHER

Your correspondent visited Richmond Golf Course last Sunday and found it to be in fine shape for our tournament on Sunday, February 24. We found also that playing conditions are just as bad, if not worse, on the East Bay side as against conditions around San Francisco golf courses. Richmond Golf Club is taking in a great many new members, and in a short time will be closed for public play. Pro Mat Marcovich requested our members show up early so that our tournament can get started on scheduled time of 10:30 a. m., as his schedule is full up of his own members.

We understand a large number of our own members have signed up to qualify for the forthcoming San Francisco open, both at Harding and Sharp Park. Here's wishing them all the best of luck in their following matches.

We also understand Len Sweet got bunged up in an automobile accident and will be on the shelf for quite a while.

Mailers' Notes

By LEROY C. SMITH

At the February union meeting of San Francisco-Oakland Mailers' Union, No. 18, last Sunday, the following endorsements were made for candidates to I.T.U. offices and delegates:

President—Edwards 8, Randolph 37; first vice- president—Highfield 8, Taylor 37; second vice-president—Brown 37, Glass 7; secretary-treasurer—Clemens 3, Hurd 41. Board of Auditors—Slick 6, Tobin 36. Trustees of the Union Printers Home—Ballinger 6, Fitzgerald 33, Hill 7, Larkin 4, Lucas 36, McCauley 29, Ogg 4, Pferdesteller 5. Agent, Union Printers Home—Finn 8, Janasek 31. Delegates to A.F.L.—Austin 38, Boddington 9, Clark 33, Egan 32, Evans 5, Forster 32, Garrison 32, McKnight 7, Nack 7, Perry 5. Delegate to Trade and Labor Congress of Canada—Carmack 36, Paguin 3.

The following nominations for officers and delegates were made for San Francisco-Oakland Mailers' Union No. 18: President—Duncan C. Ross (incumbent), first vice-president—E. Karby (incumbent), second vice-president—R. Kelly (Oakland member), secretary-treasurer—Joseph P. Bailey (incumbent). Executive Committee (two to be elected)—J. Kriese (incumbent), A. Berliner (incumbent), J. Kennay, E. Hobson, E. Bunny (Oakland member). Delegates to Labor Council—Joseph P. Bailey, J. Kennoy (Oakland member). Label Section—A. Berliner, J. Kriese. Delegates to Allied Printing Trades Council—Joseph P. Bailey, E. Karby. East Bay Allied Printing Trades Council—E. Bunny. California Allied Printing Trades Conference (two to be elected)—R. Kelly (Oakland member), N. Norton (Oakland member), Joseph P. Bailey. Auditing Committee (three to be elected)—H. Hudelson, E. Bunny, B. Chedester, H. Stafford, N. Norton (Oakland member). California State Federation of Labor (two to be elected)—Duncan C. Ross, Joseph P. Bailey, E. Karby, R. Kelly (Oakland member). Alternates—E. Hobson, C. Fleidner (Oakland member), J. Kriese. Delegates to I.T.U. Convention (two to be sent)—Joseph P. Bailey, Duncan C. Ross, E. Karby, R. Kelly (Oakland member). Alternates—H. Stafford, J. Kriese.

A new commercial contract was approved, to be effective as of February 1, 1946. Rates are: $1.662 per hour, day; night (for first shift), $1.796 per hour; second night shift, $2.063. Hours on the day side reduced to 7½, with 4 per cent of earnings added for vacation pay. Two paid holidays at straight time for no work performed; double time for all holiday work. Time and one-half for Saturday shifts. Foremen differential, $2.00 per shift. Recognition of 1945 I.T.U. Laws.

It has been officially learned that the Executive Councils of the International Photoengravers' Union and the International Typographical Union have adopted a joint policy that their members shall not engage in any strike-breaking procedure by doing work not previously done by members of either organization.

Ernest Langton, *Examiner* chapel, was presented with a 40-year I.T.U. emblem button. . . . N. ("Nick") Spang, *Chronicle* chapel, has recovered from kidney operation, returning to work first of the week. . . . Fred Waggoner, at Franklin Hospital and Thomas F. Burke at St. John's Hospital, are reported as being well along on the road to recovery from fractured pelvis. . . . Ex-President Dominic Del Carlo succeeds B. Chedester as chairman, *Chronicle* chapel. . . . John Martinez deposited traveler from Stockton, and W. Oliver and C. Wheeler deposited Portland travelers.

A Good Income Tax Suggestion

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The Labor Council meets every Friday at 8 p. m., at the Labor Temple. The Executive and Arbitration Committee meets every Monday, at 8 p. m. The Organizing Committee meets every Friday, at 7:30 p. m. The Union Label Section meets the first Wednesday of every month, at 7:30 p. m.

Synopsis of Meeting of the San Francisco Labor Council, Held Friday Evening, February 15, 1946.

Meeting called to order at 8:15 p. m. by Vice-President Rotell; Brother Clarence Walsh acting Vice-President.

Roll Call of Officers—All present excepting President Shelley, who was excused.

Approval of Minutes—Minutes of the previous meeting approved as printed in the *Labor Clarion*.

Credentials—Referred to the Organizing Committee: Beauticians No. 12—Margaret McFarland, Irene Edwards, Gertha Gordon, Dolly Spragg, and Boilermakers No. 6—J. B. Landau.

Report of the Organizing Committee—(Meeting held Friday, February 15.) Meeting called to order at 7:30 p. m. Roll was called and absentees noted. In the matter of Barbers No. 148, Grover Duke appeared for the Barbers; this matter will be held in committee pending a report of the sub-committee at the next meeting of the Organizing Committee. The following were examined and having been found to possess the necessary qualifications, they were recommended by your committee to be seated as delegates to this Council: Bakers No. 24—John Jacob, Theodore Lindquist, Ed Salomon, William E. Stief, William I. Strachan, Ernie Walker; Butchers No. 508—George McGrath; Candy & Glace Fruit Workers No. 158—Mary Frank, Rose Van Laak; Carmen No. 1380—Alfred P. McGrath, and Printing Specialties and Paper Converters No. 362—Mark Fiore, Peter Riordan. Meeting adjourned at 8 p. m. (Report of the committee was concurred in as a whole.)

Report of Special Meeting of the Organizing Committee—(Meeting held Monday, February 11.) Meeting called to order at 7 p. m., by Chairman Giannini. Roll was called and absentees noted. The meeting was called for the purpose of discussion of the organization of office employees in private industry and the following members of Office Employees' Union, Local No. 36, were present: Sisters Murphy, Schlaifer and Brothers McCall, Elkins, Noble, Evans and Kowski. Brother Ballerini of the Production Machinists was also present. Local 36 told the committee that they had definite plans for organization but needed considerable help from the other unions who had members in the factories and plants that were involved. At present, they are concentrating on the drayage firms in the city, and have signed up 85 per cent of the office employees at the Oregon-Nevada-California Fast Freight. They have circularized the other drayage firms and are working on the Greyhound Bus Company. Brother Elkins pointed out that business agents and shop stewards in plants who were known to the office employees could be of considerable assistance in the organizational drive, as they had access to the people who were concerned, and could talk to them at lunch time or quitting time. Local 36 made it clear that they did not wish any other union to do the actual organization; all they want are leads and assistance. It was brought out that the Office Employees' International Union, being a new international, has not sufficient funds accumulated yet to put on a heavy drive, and Local 36 has lost members due to the cutbacks in employment, so they also are not financially able to hire a fleet of organizers to do the job. The C.I.O. is already in the field, and if the unions in the plants and factories do not assist in the organization of office employees they are jeopardizing their own membership, as no plant can be organized 100 per cent A.F.L. if the office employees are unorganized. After considerable discussion, it was recommended by the committee that the weekly meetings of business agents of all local unions be immediately resumed for the purpose of assisting the local unions asking for organizational help and to plan the organization of the unorganized. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p. m. (Report of the committee was concurred in as a whole.)

Communications—*Filed:* From Dry Dock, Marine Waysmen No. 3116, concurring in the resolution endorsing the forthcoming campaign of the Red Cross Drive. From Harry C. Bates, chairman, Housing Committee, American Federation of Labor, advising that it is most important that all organizations and individuals write to members of Congress urging strong support of quick passage of the General Housing Bill, S. 1592, which embodies the major post-war housing proposals of the A.F.L. From the California State Federation of Labor, *Weekly News Letter* dated February 13.

Bills were read, approved by the trustees and ordered paid.

Donations—To the "March of Dimes": Teamsters No. 85—$250; Dry Dock, Marine Waysmen No. 3116—$25; Laundry Drivers No. 256—$30. To the Sister Kenny Foundation: Dry Dock, Marine Waysmen No. 3116—$25; Moving Picture Operators No. 162—$10. To the Red Cross: Wholesale Liquor Drivers No. 109—$10. To the War Chest: Newspaper and Periodical Drivers No. 921—$754.

Referred to the Executive Committee—From Dairy and Creamery Employees No. 304, enclosing a copy of a letter sent to the Joint Council of Teamsters No. 7, requesting the Council to take similar action. From Leather and Novelty Workers No. 31, requesting strike sanction against: Balkan Trunk & Suitcase Co., 612 Howard street; Continental-Vogue Co., 199 Second street; H. N. Cook Belting Co., 401 Howard street; L. P. Degen Belting Co., 260 Mission street; Freidberg-Grunauer Co., 46 Fremont street; Keyston Bros. Mfg. Co., 755 Mission street; H. Koch & Sons, 73 Beale street; MacPherson Bros. Leather Co., 730 Mission street; San Francisco Lace & Leather, 202 Green street; Western Mfg. Co., 149 Ninth street; Ganson Mfg. Co., 182 Second street; Forrest Leather Products Co., 25 West Portal avenue.

Referred to the Committee Studying Office Employees' Agreement—From Office Employees No. 3, advising that their membership is not willing to accept the counter-proposal of the agreement as it is now written.

Report of the Executive Committee—(Meeting held Monday, February 11.) Meeting called to order at 8 p. m. Roll was called and absentees noted. Your committee organized, electing the following officers: President, John F. Shelley; vice-president, Jack Goldberger; secretary, John A. O'Connell; sergeant-at-arms, George Kelly. The attached rules were adopted by your committee for the coming year. In the matter of the Printing Specialties and Paper Converters' Union, No. 362, requesting strike sanction against the Western Newspaper Union, 500 Howard street, this matter will be held in committee awaiting the results of conferences which are being held. In the matter of the Packers and Preserve Workers, No. 20989, requesting strike sanction against Puritan Preserve Company and Tea Garden Products, these matters will be held in committee awaiting the result of conferences which are being held. In the matter of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief requesting the Council's endorsement of its food campaign, your committee recommends endorsement. In the matter of Fire Fighters No. 798, requesting assistance in their effort to obtain the appointment of three battalion chiefs and three chiefs' operators, your committee reecommends indorsement. In the matter of the appointment of two representatives to attend a conference of the California State Federation of Labor in Sacramento on March 23, your committee recommends that Brothers Anthony Cancilla and Wendell Phillips be sent to said conference. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p. m. (Report of the committee was concurred in as a whole.)

Delegates Take Note—Telegram from William Green, president, American Federation of Labor, urging all labor organizations wire Senator Murray, chairman, Committee of Education and Labor, insisting that full and complete opportunity be accorded labor to appear in opposition to the vicious anti-labor Case Bill. From the United Irish Societies of San Francisco, advising that they are holding a Victory Military Parade on Sunday, March 17, commencing at 1:30 o'clock, and inviting all American Federation of Labor organizations to participate, either by drill team, drum corps, float, or any other unit.

Guest Speaker—Chairman Rotell introduced William A. Ring, Regional Representative, Labor Section, War Finance Division, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., who thanked Organized Labor for the successful job just completed in the Victory Loan Drive, and that this marked the end of all War Loans. Brother Ring stated that savings bonds are still available and that President Green heartily endorsed the continuation of deduction in the payroll savings plan; he further stated that these bonds are still considered our best investment and safeguard against inflation. Brother Ring stated that the marvelous job done by Organized Labor has been sincerely appreciated by his own particular department and the treasury department as a whole.

Reports of Unions—Delegate May, Masters, Mates and Pilots No. 90, reported that they are urging all of their members to continue buying bonds. Delegate Fitch, Operating Engineers No. 64, reported that his organization has completed negotiations for a $9 per week raise with the Bakery Employers' Association, which constitutes an 18 per cent raise. Delegate Blaiotta, Department Store Employees No. 1100, reported on the negotiations on their new agreement which contains many new improvements. Delegate

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State Labor Paragraphs

OAKLAND—James H. Quinn of Oakland and former building trades head announced last week that he will be a candidate to succeed himself on the State Board of Equalization's second district. He will seek the Democratic and Republican nominations at the primaries, June 4.

FRESNO—The Barbers and Beauticians' Union, No. 333, have been carrying on an organizational campaign with fine results, according to P. F. Spencer, business representative of the local. During the last two years the membership rolls have tripled.

SACRAMENTO—Harry Finks, president of the Sacramento Federated Trades Council, warns against petitions being currently circulated for signatures. One such petition now in circulation is titled "Political Freedom." Finks states this proposition is anti-Labor in character as is the same piece of legislation that has been placed before the voters under various names and titles before.

SAN DIEGO—Fifteen hundred members of Building Trades unions throughout 12 counties of Southern California will receive a wage increase of 12½ cents per hour in the immediate future as a result of a trip to Washington, D. C., by K. G. Bitter, secretary of the Building Trades Council of this city.

BAKERSFIELD—The State Retail Clerks' Council concluded a most successful session here recently. Santa Barbara was awarded the next meeting of the council. A. B. Crossler, council secretary, was authorized to attend the political meeting called by the California State Federation of Labor in Sacramento next month.

BAKERSFIELD—Kern County Labor Council will not send a delegate to the political conclave in Sacramento called by the California State Federation of Labor next month, the consensus of opinion being that the Labor Movement should not indulge in primary endorsements.

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WE DON'T PATRONIZE LIST

The concerns listed below are on the "We Don't Patronize" list of the San Francisco Labor Council. Members of labor unions and sympathizers are requested to note this list carefully *from week to week:*

Adam Hat Stores, Inc., 844 Market, 119 Kearny.
Advance Pattern Company, 552 Mission.
American Distributing Company.
Austin Studio, 833 Market.
Becker Distributing Company.
Bruener. John, Company.
B & G Sandwich Shops.
California Watch Case Company.
Chan Quon, photo engraver, 680 Clay.
Curtis Publishing Co. (Philadelphia), publishers of "Saturday Evening Post," "Ladies' Home Journal," "Country Gentleman."
Doran Hotels (include St. Regis, 85 Fourth St.; Mint, 141 Fifth St.; Hale, 939 Mission St.; Land, 936 Mission St.; Hillsdale, 51 Sixth St.; Grand Central, 1412 Market St., and the Ford Apartments, 957 Mission St.).
Drake Cleaners and Dyers.
Forderer Cornice Works, 269 Potrero.
Gantner & Mattern, 1453 Mission.
Gates Rubber Company, 2700 - 16th St.
General Distillers, Ltd., 136 Front St.
Goldstone Bros., Manufacturers of overalls and working men's clothing.
Lucerne Apartments, 766 Sutter.
National Beauty Salon, 207 Powell.
Navalet Seed Company, 423 Market.
O'Keefe-Merritt Stove Co., Products, Los Angeles.
Pacific Label Company, 1150 Folsom.
Remington-Rand, Inc., 509 Market.
Romaine Photo Studio, 220 Jones.
Royal Typewriter Company, 153 Kearny.
Sealey Mattress Company, 6699 San Pablo Ave., Oakland.
Sherwin-Williams Paint Company.
Sloane, W. & J.
Smith, L. C., Typewriter Company, 545 Market.
Speed-E Menu Service, 693 Mission.
Standard Oil Company.
Stanford University Hospital, Clay and Webster.
Sutro Baths and Skating Rink.
Swift & Co.
"Time" and "Life" (magazines), products of the unfair Donnelley firm (Chicago).
Underwood Typewriter Company, 531 Market.
Wooldridge Tractor Equipment Company, Sunnyvale, California.

All non-union independent taxicabs.
Barber Shops that do not display the shop card of the Journeymen Barbers' Union are unfair.
Beauty Shops that do not display the shop card of the Hairdressers and Cosmetologists' Department of the Journeymen Barbers' International Union of America are unfair.
Locksmith Shops which do not display the union shop card of Federated Locksmiths No. 1331 are unfair.

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Statement by Masters, Mates and No. 90 On Adverse Publicity Co[illegible]ka Wreck

"For the past several days some extremely adverse publicity has been given in the newspapers in connection with the stranding of the S.S. Yukon, especially a statement contributed by Mrs. Pyle, a passenger from Seward.

"We realize it is the newspaper's business to get publicity and that the reporters are anxious to have a story for their papers. In a disaster of this kind, however, a reporter or a newspaper should not be overly ambitious to take statements from publicity seekers, which, in this case, has reflected on the integrity and ability of the officers and crew of the S.S. Yukon.

"The master, the pilots and deck officers are all members of the National Organization of Masters, Mates and Pilots of America, West Coast Local No. 90. All of them, including the deck crew, the unlicensed personnel, have sailed for years in the Alaska waters. Captain Trondson, master of that vessel, is one of the best. The chief officer, Mr. Roy Wheeler, has for many years held a master's license and has had command of several ships in the Alaska waters. The second officer, Mr. C. W. Cowman, holds a chief mate's license and has also been sailing on the Alaska vessels for many years. The third officer, Mr. Donald Sheehan, holds a second mate's license, has had a number of years' experience in Alaska waters and is an excellent officer. Each of the two pilots which were employed on the vessel hold a master's license in addition to the pilot's license, have had command of vessels and are old-time Alaska water navigators.

"The efficiency of the merchant marine crew aboard the ship is borne out by the fact that out of a passenger list of 485 men, women and children, only 11 were lost, and none of these would have been lost if a 50-foot wave had not broken over the bow where a group of these people had gathered. Not one person was lost in transferring the passengers from the stricken ship to safety. Every man in the deck and engine room department performed acts of heroism too numerous to mentio[illegible]om word received from passengers and crew mem[illegible]rs there was absolutely no drunkenness in either of these departments. All precautions were taken to insure the utmost comfort and safety of the passengers in a dangerous situation.

"Mrs. Pyle, who seems to have given the most adverse publicity, must have had some motive for doing so, but thus far it is incomprehensible. We should like to know how a passenger who comes aboard at 6:00 o'clock at night, when it was pitch dark, could possibly identify any of the crew at 4:00 o'clock in the morning, when the stranding occurred, in the midst of the excitement and confusion that certainly must have existed under such conditions.

"According to reports by men who left the vessel last, they saw clothing, money, jewelry and so forth scattered over the vessel. But this is perfectly natural in such a situation when everyone is trying to get whatever he can gather of his belongings and inevitably loses a great deal of them.

"The stranding itself is an unfortunate accident which occurs not only in navigating a vessel, but to trains, airplanes and any other carrier, regardless of the skill and experience of the best men who are entrusted with their operation. Newspapers should state the true facts and not attempt to make headlines at the expense of the officers and crew, especially men who are extremely experienced in their field.

"In this case, they should not have given any adverse publicity to the men until the Steamboat Inspectors of the U. S. Coast Guard, who are certainly qualified to make a thorough investigation, had made its report and punished any and all who failed to perform duties mandatory under the navigation laws.

"National Organization of Masters,
Mates and Pilots of America,
West Coast Local No. 90.
"CAPTAIN C. F. MAY, President."

Armed Guards Kill Two; Congress Inquiry Asked

NEW YORK—Senator Robert M. La Follette has been asked by the Workers Defense League to call for a congressional investigation into the murder of two pickets February 6 by armed guards of the struck Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroad..

In a letter to Senator La Follette, Rev. Aron S. Gilmartin, national chairman of the league, said: "Recalling the effective strikebreaking expose made by your Senate Civil Liberties Committee, the W.D.L. feels sure you will take all possible steps to bring about an investigation of these killings. Corporations must be made to realize that they cannot return to the days of murderous strikebreaking and wholesale violations of workers' civil rights."

The guards shot at a group of unarmed pickets from a heavily armored train near Gridley, Ill., killing two—Arthur Brown and Edwin Paschon—and injuring three. The fact that the pickets were unarmed was corroborated by the sheriff who searched them after the shooting. The extent to which the guards were armed was revealed by police who seized 20 to 30 shotguns and rifles aboard the train. Four of the guards were arrested and murder charges made against them.

"Sea Cowboys"

WASHINGTON.—Selective Service headquarters announced that 250 conscientious objectors are to be furloughed to become "sea-going cowboys." They will be released from Civilian Public Service projects to serve as livestock attendants on ships delivering horses, mules, cows and other livestock abroad under the United Nations relief program. They will be chosen from volunteers who have had a background of farm experience and will receive $150 for each round trip.

I.L.O. Conference Set For Seattle June 6th

MONTREAL—The next conference of the International Labor Organization will be held in Seattle, Wash., June 6 to June 29, Edward J. Phelan, International Labor Office acting director, announced here. It will be the 28th conference of the I.L.O. since the organization was established in 1919.

The session will be devoted exclusively to the consideration of minimum international standards governing the working conditions of seamen.

Nine Items on Program

The 29th session of the conference, which had previously been announced to be held in Montreal beginning September 19, will deal with more general questions, including the amendment of the organization's constitution.

The agenda of the Seattle conference will comprise nine items, one of which will be a report by Acting Director Phelan. The others are social security for seamen, crew accommodation, food and catering for crews, entry, training and promotion, holidays with pay, continuous employment, recognition of seamen's organizations, wages, hours and manning.

The American Cancer Society calls special attention to its educational work to the end that cancer can be cured, if taken in time. At the San Francisco Headquarters, 703 Market street, room 608, telephone GArfield 5711, information and guidance will be given to those seeking it, also free literature. Noted doctors are available as speakers for organization meetings where simple, concise and understandable talks will be given. The San Francisco division is under supervision of Mrs. Joseph L. Gould.

In Case You're Interested

A free organ recital of beautiful music by Birdie Cohen, member Musicians' Union, No. 6, on San Francisco's civic auditorium great pipe organ is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, March 3, at 2:30 o'clock. Admission is free.

Patrick W. McDonough, Oakland steelmaker, announced that he will be a candidate to succeed Congressman John Tolan from the seventh Congressional District of North Oakland and Berkeley.

On Friday, February 22, a delegation from Yugoslavia arrived in San Francisco on official business for their government. They will be in Northern California until February 28. They will speak at two mass meetings, one in Oakland civic auditorium on February 26, the other at Scottish Rite Auditorium in San Francisco, February 27.

Council Minutes

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Roberts, Shipfitters No. 9, reported on the unemployment insurance situation and issued pamphlets to the delegates thereon. Delegate Douglass, Carmen No. 1380, reported that on February 25 there will be a hearing in the Appellate Court on the priority of wages situation; also reported that they are trying to get an increase in wages for their organization and they have a fair recommendation from the Civil Service Commission, requested that when this matter comes before the Board of Supervisors that the president and secretary of this Council appear.

New Business—Delegate Rainbow, Boilermakers No. 6, reported the Woolridge Manufacturing and Equipment Co. in Sunnyvale is still on the unfair list, and requested the Council to notify the Santa Clara Labor Council and the Santa Clara Building and Construction Trades Council. Delegate Costa, Chauffeurs No. 265, moved that when the Council adjourn, it do so out of respect to the memory of Brother David Schwartz, secretary of Chauffeurs No. 265, who passed away on February 12; carried. Delegate Foehn, Electrical Workers No. 6, moved that when the Council adjourn, it do so out of respect to the memory of Brother Jack B. Crown, assistant business manager, Electrical Workers No. 6, District No. 2, San Mateo, who passed away recently; carried.

Announcements—Secy. O'Connell announced there would be a meeting of the executive committee on Monday, February 18, at 8 p. m.; there will be a meeting of the law and legislative committee on Tuesday, February 19, at 7:30 p. m. The secretary announced that the "March of Dimes" boxes which were placed in the various union offices of the Labor Temple yielded a total of $101.30. It was moved that the Council meeting of Friday, February 22, be cancelled due to the holiday; carried.

Receipts, $2,056.30; **disbursements,** $1,215.22.
Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p. m.

JOHN A. O'CONNELL, Secretary.

Interim Pay Granted

TOLEDO—Willys-Overland Motors, Inc., has announced granting of an interim wage increase of 10 cents an hour for 5,000 employees represented by three unions.

Unions whose members benefit are the International Association of Machinists (A.F.L.), United Automobile Workers (C.I.O.) and Mechanics Education Society of America, independent.

The agreements, effective February 11, will continue until wage rates in the automotive industry become definitely established and then will be subject to renegotiation.

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